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The attached is for your
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supplying open source material
to the Intelligence Community.

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2. [] FBIS AUTOMATION - COMMUNITY INTERFACE. At a meeting called by FBIS Deputy Director [] and attended by [] chairman of the Information Handling Committee of the IC Staff (and from FBIS by [] []), the question of how FBIS could supply the Community with the open source material that will become available in its automated system was discussed. The system, scheduled for delivery in October 1987, will contain the output of both FBIS field bureaus and JPRS contractors and, as [] noted, the question was what form of interface was to be developed by FBIS for delivery of this material to its Community users. [] described the contacts he had made with offices in State, NSA, DOD, DIA, the White House and NSC, and the Agency earlier in the year to obtain in broad detail a notion of what was desired from FBIS. [] noted that much of what FBIS consumers wanted, e.g., text search capacity, involved interactive access to a database that was not included as yet in any concrete FBIS or Community planning and that FBIS could and should at the moment extend its planning only to provision of a suitable, but necessarily non-interactive interface. He proposed that [] and [] and at [] suggestion [] of the IC Staff, continue [] survey at greater depth and detail to obtain precise consumer requirements for such an interface. FBIS' timetable required this input by 1 November so that a contractor can develop specifications and cost by February 1986 toward development of a program plan by March 1986. He estimated that \$150K of Community money would be required for the contractor's effort. [] stated that it was unlikely that this money could be identified early in FY 86 but later in the year would probably show up. He would see what could be done. (cc: D/FBIS, [] -IC Staff, C/Prod, C/ESG, C/ADD, DC/Ops, EA/D). []

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